



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: J. Thompson
KENICHI OHTA)
: Art Unit: 2625
Appln. No.: 09/769,330)
: Filed: January 26, 2001)
: For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS, IMAGE)
: PROCESSING METHOD, AND)
: STORAGE MEDIUM : February 8, 2007

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action of September 8, 2006, to February 8, 2007. Please charge the amount of \$450.00 in payment of the extension fee, and charge any additional fee and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account 06-1205.

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February 8, 2007
Date of Signature

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A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has been submitted concurrently herewith. Prior to continued examination, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner further to amend the above-identified application as follows, and to consider the Remarks made herein.